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Prince George's County Man Pleads Guilty to Felony Insurance Fraud

BALTIMORE, MD (March 15, 2022) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh announced today that Edward Nathaniel Walker, 50, of Prince George's County, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one count of felony insurance fraud over \$300. Prince George's County Circuit Court Judge Robin D. Gill Bright sentenced Walker to 6 months incarceration consecutive to any and all sentences he is serving, with a judgement of restitution in the amount of \$16,961.00.

On September 26, 2018, Walker was involved in a multi-car accident in Prince George's County. The at-fault driver's car was insured by Federated Mutual Insurance (Federated). From September 26, 2018, through November 7, 2018, Federated processed several claims on behalf of Walker. Federated paid Walker for towing, property damage and bodily injuries, which included pain and suffering. However, the documents submitted by Walker to Federated in support of his bodily injury claim were fraudulent. Walker submitted two bills for an injury he allegedly sustained in the accident. One bill alleged that he had been seen at University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) by Dr. Bahalah and the other bill alleged Dr. Praful Ramineni provided services to Walker at West End Plastic Surgery. Walker was never a patient within the UMMS, nor was Dr. Bahalah his physician. Dr. Bahalah is not a licensed physician in the State of Maryland, according to the Maryland Board of Physicians. Additionally, the bill from West End Plastic Surgery was not the standard bill used by the practice, Walker was not a patient of the practice, and Dr. Ramineni did not perform surgery on Walker.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General Roberta G. Siskind of the Insurance Fraud Unit of the Maryland Attorney General's Office, with assistance from the Maryland Insurance Administration, Forensic Auditor Suzanne Jones, Investigator William Wagner and Retired Investigator Joseph Adams.

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